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SUBJECT: GHANA: 2001 ANNUAL TERRORISM REPORT

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THE FOLLOWING RESPONSES ARE KEYED TO REFTEL PARA TWO:

IA. SIGNIFICANT ACTS TO SUPPORT COALITION AGAINST TERRORISM:

THE GOG CONDEMNED, PUBLICLY AND PRIVATELY, THE SEPTEMBER 11 ATTACKS AGAINST THE U.S., AND EXPRESSED ITS SYMPATHY, AGAIN PUBLICLY AND PRIVATELY, FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE ATTACKS. GOG SECURITY FORCES HAVE BEEN VERY SUPPORTIVE, FROM INCREASED SECURITY AT MISSION FACILITIES, TO ENHANCED SHARING OF INFORMATION FROM POLICE, IMMIGRATION, MILITARY AND OTHER CONTACTS. THE GOVERNMENT HAS SOUGHT TO ASSIST IN THE SUPPRESSION OF TERRORIST FINANCING BOTH BY SIGNING THE CONVENTION TO SUPPRESS TERRORIST FINANCING THIS MONTH, AND BY ITS WILLINGNESS TO SHARE INFORMATION ON, AND REQUEST ASSISTANCE WITH, ITS CAPACITY TO MONITOR SUSPICIOUS FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS. THE GOVERNMENT HAS ARRESTED SEVERAL SUSPICIOUS THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS TRANSITTING THE COUNTRY, AND SHARED INFORMATION FROM THOSE ARRESTS WITH US. IT HAS AGREED UPON THE IMPORTANCE OF ADOPTING THE FIVE REMAINING ANTI-TERRORISM CONVENTIONS (INCLUDING THE CONVENTION TO SUPPRESS TERRORIST FINANCING, WHICH MUST NOW BE RATIFIED BY PARLIAMENT), AND HAS SET UP AN INTER-MINISTERIAL BODY TO DO SO. KEY SECURITY OFFICIALS HAVE INDICATED A WILLINGNESS TO ALLOW U.S. AIR AND NAVAL ASSETS TO TRANSIT GHANA IF NEEDED.

IB. CASE STUDIES OF TERRORIST INCIDENTS:

NONE AVAILABLE

IC. RESPONSE OF JUDICIAL SYSTEM TO 2001 ACTS OF INTERNATIONAL/DOMESTIC TERRORISM

THE GHANAIAN JUDICIAL SYSTEM DID NOT HAVE OCCASION TO RESPOND TO ANY ACTS OF INTERNATIONAL OR DOMESTIC TERRORISM IN 2001.

ID. EXTRADITION OF SUSPECTED TERRORISTS:

THE GOVERNMENT DID NOT EXTRADITE OR REQUEST THE EXTRADITION OF ANY SUSPECTED TERRORISTS IN 2001.

IE. SIGNIFICANT IMPEDIMENTS TO PROSECUTION/EXTRADITION OF TERRORISTS.

THERE ARE NO IMPEDIMENTS TO EXTRADITION OR PROSECUTION OF SUSPECTED TERRORISTS. THE U.S. AND GHANA HAVE AN EXTRADITION TREATY.

IF. RESPONSES TO TERRORIST INCIDENTS OTHER THAN PROSECUTION:

SEE ANSWER TO ITEM A.

IG. MAJOR COUNTER-TERRORISM EFFORTS:

SEE ANSWER TO ITEM A.

IH. SIGNIFICANT HOST GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR TERRORISM:

NONE

II. HOST GOVERNMENT PUBLIC STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF A TERRORIST-SUPPORTING COUNTRY ON A TERRORISM ISSUE:

NONE.

IJ. CHANGES, NEGATIVE OR POSITIVE, IN ATTITUDE TOWARD TERRORISM:

THE GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE TOWARD TERRORISM HAS BECOME MORE FOCUSED AND RESULTS-ORIENTED, WITH CLOSE COOPERATION WITH THE MISSION ON LOCAL SECURITY AND TRANSIT OF SUSPICIOUS THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS.

IK. U.S. COUNTER-TERRORISM EFFORTS WITH THE HOST GOVERNMENT:

THE U.S. HAS ASKED FOR, AND RECEIVED, VERY CLOSE COOPERATION FROM GHANAIAN SECURITY FORCES IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE SEPTEMBER 11 ATTACKS. TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE UNDER EXISTING LAWS, GHANA HAS AGREED TO TIGHTEN ITS OVERSIGHT OF SUSPICIOUS FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS. IT HAS ALSO AGREED THAT SUBSTANTIAL REVISION OF ITS LAWS REGARDING MONEY-LAUNDERING AND SUSPICIOUS TRANSACTIONS IS NECESSARY AND SHOULD BE PURSUED, AND HAS ASKED FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN DOING SO. THE MISSION HAS LOBBIED THE GOG EXTENSIVELY ON THE NECESSITY OF ADOPTING THE FIVE REMAINING INTERNATIONAL ANTI-TERRORIST CONVENTIONS, AND THE GOG HAS BEGUN THE PROCESS OF ADOPTION.

IL. COOPERATION DURING PREVIOUS FIVE YEARS IN INVESTIGATION/PROSECUTION OF TERRORIST ACTS AGAINST AMERICAN CITIZENS/INTERESTS:

ASIDE FROM THE COOPERATION DETAILED ABOVE REGARDING THE EVENTS OF SEPTEMBER 11, THE GOG MADE STRONG COOPERATIVE STATEMENTS FOLLOWING THE EMBASSY BOMBINGS IN EAST AFRICAN IN 1998, AND ASSISTED WITH ENHANCED SECURITY FOR MISSION FACILITIES.

IM. COOPERATION DURING PREVIOUS FIVE YEARS IN PREVENTION OF TERRORIST ACTS AGAINST AMERICAN CITIZENS/INTERESTS:

SAME AS PREVIOUS ANSWER.

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